

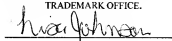
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed August 1, 2006, and includes the following sections:

1. Introductory Comments, beginning on page 2;
2. Amendments to the Claims, beginning on page 3; and
3. Remarks beginning on page 5.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed on August 1, 2006. Claims 28-36 are pending in the current application. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 28-36.

By this Amendment and Response, the Applicant has amended claim 28. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 28-36 in view of the claim amendments and accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.